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WITH MOZAMBIQUE

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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,  
COMMERCE APPRECIATES FISHERIES REPORTING PROVIDED BY THE  
EMBASSY. NMFS HAS NOTED THE FOLLOWING SOVIET ACTIVITIES  
IN CONNECTION WITH MOZAMBIQUE'S FISHERIES:

SOVIET TRAWLERS WERE REPORTED FISHING OFF THE COAST OF

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MOZAMBIQUE AS EARLY AS 1966 AND WERE RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN

INVOLVED IN THE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY.

BY 1972, THE SOVIET UNION WAS REPORTED ACTIVE IN THE SHRIMP FISHERY IN THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL.

IN 1973, SOVIET SCIENTISTS WERE CONDUCTING UNDERWATER EXPLORATION OF THE CORAL AND MOLLUSC RESOURCES IN THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL USING A MANNED SUBMERSIBLE.

NMFS FILES REFLECT A GAP IN INFORMATION ON SOVIET FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF MOZAMBIQUE DURING 1974-5.

IN FEBRUARY 1976, A SOVIET VESSEL (NO NAME AVAILABLE) ENGAGED IN MARINE RESEARCH OFF THE MOZAMBIQUE COAST TO DETERMINE THE AVAILABILITY OF FISHERY STOCKS. IT IS

POSSIBLE THAT THE VESSEL WAS "PROFESOR MESIATSEV" WHICH WAS ON A CRUISE SPONSORED BY UNDP/SF AND FAO.

AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, WHICH INCLUDED FISHERIES COOPERATION, WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN MARCH 1976.

IN JULY, 1976, SOVIET AND MOZAMBIQUE ICHTHYOLOGISTS CONDUCTED JOINT FISHERIES EXPLORATORY RESEARCH IN MOZAMBIQUE COASTAL WATERS ABOARD THE SOVIET R/V AELITA AS PROVIDED BY THE MARCH AGREEMENT.

IN SEPTEMBER 1976, THE SOVIET UNION SENT A 4-MAN FISHERIES DELEGATION TO MAPUTO FOR A MEETING OF THE JOINT FISHERIES COMMISSION (REF A).

TASS REPORTED THAT THE ARRIVAL OF A GIANT 13,000 GROSS TON REFRIGERATED FISH CARRIER "ONEZHSKIY ZALIV", IN MAPUTO ON OCTOBER 13, 1976 WAS GREETED BY MOZAMBIQUE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE, MARIO DA GRACA MACHUNGO, WHO STRESSED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF USSR-MOZAMBIQUE COOPERATION IN MARINE FISHERIES. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU THAT THE VESSEL WAS BUILT IN FRANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SIGNED A FISHERIES AGREEMENT IN JUNE 1976.

ACCORDING TO THAT AGREEMENT, A GDR VESSEL WAS TO ARRIVE FOR THE TRAINING OF MOZAMBIQUE FISHERY TECHNICIANS. IT CAN NOT BE EXCLUDED THAT POLAND BULGARIA AND ROMANIA MAY FOLLOW SINCE THESE COUNTRIES, GDR AND USSR COORDINATE THEIR FISHERIES POLICIES UNDER A 5-PARTIES AGREEMENT ON MARINE FISHERY.

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2. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT ADD TO OR SUBSTANTIATE THE RECORD GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH 1. OF SPECIAL INTEREST ARE THE NAMES (AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THEIR POSITIONS) OF THE SOVIET SEPTEMBER DELEGATION, ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ETC. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME. IF PERTINENT INFORMATION APPEARED PREVIOUSLY, BUT IN CLASSIFIED FORM, PLEASE CITE THE REFERENCES AND NMFS WILL OBTAIN THEM FROM

ORIGINATING AGENCIES.

3. BECAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST OF UNITED STATES INDUSTRY IN VARIOUS MOZAMBIQUE FISHERIES, NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED ALERT REPORTING ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER NATIONS IN DEVELOPING MOZAMBIQUE FISHERIES. SHRIMP, LOBSTER, AND TUNA ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST. THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION AND EAST EUROPEAN AID OR JOINT VENTURES ARE OF CONTINUING INTEREST:

A) TEXT OF ANY FISHERIES AGREEMENT.

B) REPORTS ON THE VISITS OF RESEARCH VESSELS AND THE NAMES AND ACTIVITIES OF CHIEF SCIENTISTS.

C) REPORTS ON THE VISITS OF SOVIET MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND SOVRYBFLOT (THE SOVIET AGENCY WHICH HANDLES JOINT FISHERY VENTURES) OFFICIALS.

D) DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET OR EAST EUROPEAN VESSELS IN FISHERIES OFF MOZAMBIQUE INCLUDING TARGETED SPECIES, AMOUNT OF CATCH, PROVESSING, SHARE GIVEN TO MOZAMBIQUE, PRICES, AND FINAL DISPOSITION.

4. NMFS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING THE PRECISE DATE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS TO 200 MILES AND ANY RELATED INCIDENTS.

5. NMFS HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO REF B. THIS INFORMATION IS STILL OF INTEREST AND A REPLY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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